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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2013-OS-0128]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by [insert date 60 days from date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Finance and Accounting Services – Indianapolis, DFAS-ZPR. ATTN: La Zaleus D. Leach ,8899 E. 56<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis, IN 46249, [Lazaleus.Leach@DFAS.MIL](mailto:Lazaleus.Leach@DFAS.MIL), 317-212-6032.

**TITLE, ASSOCIATED FORM, AND OMB NUMBER:** Request for Information Regarding Deceased Debtor, DD Form 2840, OMB Number 0730-0015.

**NEEDS AND USES:** This form is used to obtain information on deceased debtors from probate courts. Probate courts review their records to see if an estate was established. They provide the name and address of the executor or lawyer handling the estate. From the information obtained, DFAS submits a claim against the estate for the amount due the United States.

**AFFECTED PUBLIC:** Clerks of Probate Courts

**ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS:** 167 hours

**NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS:** 2,000

**RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT:** 1

**AVERAGE BURDEN PER RESPONSE:** 5 minutes

**FREQUENCY:** On occasion

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Summary of Information Collection**

DFAS maintains updated debt accounts and initiates debt collection action for separated military members, out-of-service civilian employees, and other individuals not on an active federal government payroll system. When notice is received that an individual debtor is deceased, an effort is made to ascertain whether the decedent left an estate by contacting clerks of probate courts. If it's determined that an estate was established, attempts are made to collect the debt from the estate. If no estate appears to have been established, the debt is written off as uncollectible.

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